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SUBJECT: Modification of Home Delivered Meals Eligibility (10-149, Ch. 5, Section 65, Nutrition Services) due to COVID-19

This memo is to provide written notification that once additional Families First and CARES Act funding has been received and encumbered, the current eligibility guidelines under 10-149, Ch. 5, Section 65.05 (A), Nutrition Services Home Delivered Meals will be waived by Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) for these funds only. In accordance with the U.S. Administration for Community Living's guidance on their COVID-19 website (www.acl.gov/covid-19) and the CARES Act (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3548/text>), the eligibility requirements for home delivered meals funded under these two Acts are the person must be: (1) age 60 and above (or a person with a disability under age 60 who resides with people receiving home delivered meals); and (2) be an individual unable to obtain nutrition because the individual is homebound by reason of illness or practicing social distancing due to the emergency.

This exception is being issued in response to COVID-19. These changes will remain in effect until further formal guidance from OADS.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact James Moorhead at James.Moorhead@maine.gov.

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